

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of:	)	
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Minoru Hirata	)	Group Art Unit: 1735
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Application No.: 10/586,157	)	Examiner: Jacky Yuen
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Filed: August 1, 2008	)	
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For: Molding Flask for a Molding	)	Confirmation No.: 4857
Machine and a Molding Process	)	
Using the Mold Flask	)	

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
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Sir:

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Prior to the examination of the above application, please amend this application  
as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims in this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** follow the amendment section of this paper.